Every day, sophomores timidly enter into Mr. Keane’s Honors World History Class. Honors World History is a course that examines the history of the world from the origins of man to modern day. Sounds simple right? Well think again.

While most courses require a lot of memorization, Mr. Keane expects students to apply all information to essays, tests, and group investigations.

“On a scale from one to diamond… Keane’s class is a reinforced diamond. It’s definitely not what I signed up for,” said sophomore Nolan Hedglin.

Almost any upperclassman that has taken Honors World History will tell you about the difficulty of the course, because it’s hard to forget the infamous ten-page research paper and “impossible tests” that students endure every year.

“I think his class was definitely a challenge. I’ve never taken so many notes for reading quizzes in my life!” said junior Anna Gaulucci.

Oh yes, the reading quizzes. A typical homework assignment requires students to read the text book, take notes, and then come into school the next day and take a quiz. Questions can range from something taken from a caption under a picture written in fine print, to a critical thinking question. When students ask what they should study, Mr. Keane’s answer is simply “everything.”

Although Honors World History is known for being the hardest class sophomores can take, it’s also a wonderful opportunity to learn about different civilizations and their development. Upperclassmen feel that this course has prepared them for harder classes and also helped them understand their world better.

It is hard for sophomores to understand that concept because all they can concentrate on right now is passing the course, one reading quiz and test at a time. As Mr. Keane’s syllabus states: “Don’t like lectures, group investigations, note-taking or essay writing? Boy are you in the wrong class.”